

FIRING IS HEARD FROM PORT ARTHUR

Heavy Detonations Both Last Night and Today.

Russia and China Said to Be Becoming More and More Defiant Each Day.

NEWS OF BATTLE EXPECTED

Chifu, June 24.—Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Port Arthur last night and was resumed this morning. The firing last night lasted several hours.

CHINESE GETTING UGLY.

London, June 24.—A letter from St. Petersburg that reached official authority in London states that there is a growing tension between Russia and China. Only the most formal intercourse is said to exist between the Chinese government and the Russian minister at Peking since May. It is suggested that the latter leave Peking for an indefinite absence. The Chinese are said to be showing open sympathy with the Japanese and there is growing defiance toward Russia.

LITTLE ACTIVITY.

St. Petersburg, June 24.—General Kuropatkin's latest does not carry the military situation further than already indicated, save that it shows the Japanese to be active north of Feng Wang Cheng. The movements in this direction is interpreted both as threat to detain as many Russians as possible in the northern part of the Liao Tung Peninsula and as a protection of the Japanese flank against a countermove on the part of General Kuropatkin in case the opposing armies should become seriously engaged in the vicinity at Hai Cheng.

WILL REBEL

TALK OF MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE.

It is understood today that the members of the Democratic County Committee who petitioned the chairman to call a meeting for Monday, and failed to get it, will hold the meeting next week notwithstanding, according to an apparently reliable rumor, a call will be issued over the head of the chairman and the meeting will be held.

As those who want to hold it are "machine men," their acts will no doubt be in case of controversy or contest, be sustained by the state committee.

SMALL SUITS

SEVERAL WERE TODAY FILED ON ACCOUNTS.

The following suits have been filed in circuit court since yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Wurth against Ernest Daroux, for \$90 on account. Genessee Fruit Co., against H. Bronaugh, on a note amounting to \$260.

Broderick Bascom Rope Company against Seacoast Mineral Co., suit for \$138.34 on account.

TO MOVE CABLE

POSTAL OFFICIALS HERE TODAY ON BUSINESS.

Superintendent W. J. Slater, of the Postal Telegraph company and his general foreman, Mr. Price, arrived today from Louisville for the purpose of arranging to move the company's big cable off Broadway.

Their present intention is to carry it on Fourth to Monroe, then to Second and to the office, getting it entirely off Broadway.

London—King Edward received General Booth of the Salvation Army at Buckingham palace and discussed the forthcoming international convention of Salvationists.

TRAIN WRECKED AND BURNED ON BRIDGE

Thirty Two Lives Lost and Twenty Five People Injured.

The American Yacht Ingomar Won Big Race at Kiel, Beating the Kaiser's Yacht.

BANDITS ARE STILL PROMISING

Madrid, June 24.—All the dead and injured have been removed from the wreck of the train which last night was demolished and burned on the bridge in the Province Teruel. Thirty-two were killed and twenty-five injured.

AMERICAN YACHT WINS.

Kiel, Germany, June 24.—The American yacht Ingomar won the contest today over three of the best racing yachts in Germany. They were the Meteor, owned by the Kaiser; the Induna belonging to the Empress and the Hamburg. The emperor sailed the Meteor which lost her top mast and was towed to the harbor. The Empress yacht abandoned the race.

MORE TALK FROM TANGIER.

Washington, June 24.—Washington, June 24.—A dispatch from Consul General Gummerow as received Friday and says that a letter received from Perdicaris and Varley states that they leave Laforly today and expect to reach Tangier tonight. The state department is assured that when the ransom is paid the captives will be released.

USED DYNAMITE

IN ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP HOUSE.

Bowling Green, June 24.—Unknown dynamites attempted to blow up the house of W. F. Byrd, near here last night. One side of the house was torn out and the porch was blown up, but no one was injured. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

FINED FOR CARRYING PISTOL.

Justice Jesse Young tried George Hudson, white for carrying a pistol and a breach of the peace this morning and fined him \$25 and costs in the first case with a ten days jail sentence, and \$1 and costs in the latter case. This afternoon late Justice Young will try Henry Schnuck and William Bloodworth for fighting.

TO BE OPERATED ON.

Mr. W. W. Powell, who has been very ill for many weeks at the Illinois Central hospital from typhoid fever was taken to St. Louis last night to have an operation performed. A telegram received this morning from Mrs. Powell stated that Mr. Powell stood the trip very well, and was resting comfortably.

STILL INVESTIGATING.

Sheriff Lee Potter has not yet decided whether or not he will deliver the local state militiamen to the jailer for imprisonment in lieu of fines assessed by court martial. His attorneys are investigating what was done in other cities in this state.

DEATH IN THE COUNTY.

Hugh Walker, age 31, a resident of the county, near Maxons Mills, died yesterday afternoon of consumption and will be buried in the Sam Hook burial grounds tomorrow at 10 a. m. He was unmarried and left two brothers, Mr. John Walker of Stewart county, Tennessee, and Mr. Joe Walker, of the county.

RURAL DELIVERY AT BENTON.

A rural delivery route was yesterday at Washington ordered established at Benton, Marshall county, with one carrier. The route embraces 23 square miles and serves a population of 490.

The Postal Telegraph company handled the Republican convention bulletins admirably and Manager Allen had the news in many cases two minutes after it happened.

SEARCH OF THE HULL TO BE MADE TODAY

List of Slocum Victims is 908 Today.

Niece of President McKinley Dedicates a Song to the Japanese

REPRESENTATIVE HITT BETTER

New York, June 24.—The total number of bodies of victims of the Slocum disaster recovered is 908. Forty remain unburied, and the unidentified corpses remain so. The work of pumping out the hull of the Slocum will be completed today and search made for more bodies.

MISS MCKINLEY'S SONG.

Washington, June 24.—Miss Mabel McKinley, a niece of the late president has written a song dedicated to Japan. The Japanese minister here received a copy and in a letter of thanks to the composer, said he would forward the music to the mikado.

HE MIGHT AS WELL START.

Indianapolis, June 24.—General Miles has asked the Prohibition National Convention to defer making a nomination for the presidency, as he does not want to run if the Democrats nominate a good man.

HITT IS BETTER.

Washington, June 24.—Representative Hitt of Illinois, who has been dangerously ill for the past two weeks, sat up yesterday for the first time.

CAPT. SAM GREEN

DECEASED MARINER A SCHOOL-MATE OF JUDGE SANDERS.

Captain Samuel Green, who died Wednesday in Cairo of heart trouble, and whose remains were brought through here today for burial at Smithland, was an old school mate of Police Judge D. L. Sanders. Judge Sanders and Captain Green were chums in boyhood days and saw a great deal of each other in after years. Last summer Judge Sanders and Captain Green spent several days together at the springs and Judge Sanders speaks very highly of the deceased mariner.

Captain Green's daughter, Mrs. Maud Woodward, of Cairo, and her daughters, Misses Emma and Lima Woodward, were guests at Judge Sanders' house last night, while his son, Mr. Harry Green, was at the Palmer. The remains were shipped to Smithland today on the Joe Fowler and the burial will take place this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Captain Green was 67 years of age and held both pilot and captain license. He was one of the best known river men in this section of the country but of late had done little work on the river, being a sufferer from heart trouble.

HURT BY FALLING TIMBER.

John Mitchell, colored, who is at work on the wreck of the Chattanooga, at the Marine Ways, had a deep gash cut in his head over his left eye this morning, by a heavy piece of timber falling on it. The injury was dressed by Dr. Frank Boyd and Dr. Hearn.

WERE HOSPITABLY RECEIVED.

Governor Beckham and party are expected back through the city today or tomorrow en route to Frankfort, after their trip to Jackson, Miss., to inspect the state capital there. They have been well entertained both there and in New Orleans.

COOLER TODAY.

The highest temperature today was 88, while yesterday the maximum was 94. A heavy shower came up at noon but the rainfall was not great.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher and family left today for St. Louis, where Mr. Fisher will be on duty for one week as a commissioner from Kentucky to the world's fair.

SOME NEW FACES IN THE CABINET

Hon. W. H. Moody Becomes Attorney General.

Paul Morton Is Secretary of the Navy and W. H. Metcalf Succeeds Secretary Cortelyou.

FIRE AT WORLD'S FAIR

Washington, D. C., June 24.—The following cabinet appointments have been announced:

William H. Moody, Mass., attorney general.

Paul Morton, Illinois, secretary of the navy.

Victor H. Metcalf, of California, secretary of commerce and labor.

These are to fill vacancies occasioned by the following resignations: Attorney General Knox. Secretary Commerce and Labor Cortelyou, which are accepted, to take effect July 1.

MRS. ROOSEVELT LEAVES.

Washington, D. C., June 24.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her sister, Miss Carew, left this morning for Oyster Bay, to spend the summer. The president will join her July 2.

HOO HOO BUILDING BURNED.

St. Louis, June 24.—A fire today totally consumed the house of the Hoo Hoo at the world's fair. The flames spread rapidly and five occupants escaped by climbing down trees to the ground. The loss is \$50,000. The Union Banking Co., which had the catering concession, lost \$8,000.

ALLEGED FORGER

Robert Craig Warranted Here Today.

He Is Supposed to Belong to a Gang of Thieves.

Robert Craig who was yesterday arrested on Livingston's Point several miles above the city, is being held in jail on the charge of forgery, and even if the suspicions of the police do not hold in the grand larceny case, he will be prosecuted on the former charge. He recently served a sentence at Eddyville for breaking into Bloodworth's grocery in Mechanicsburg.

This morning Judge Sanders issued a warrant against Craig for forgery at the instance of Mr. William Schroeder, the grocer, of South Third street, who alleges that Craig forged the name of R. Griggs on a check and secured \$10.57 from him shortly after October 10, 1903. It is not known where Craig got the cheque, which was issued by the Paducah Coopers Co., but he is said to be the one who presented it for payment and received the money.

The preliminary hearing will be given tomorrow morning probably before Police Judge Sanders.

Craig is one of several arrested up about Cottonwood bar on suspicion of being the thieves who burglarized Vickers' store at Hamlettsburg, Ill. The supposed stolen goods have not been identified.

BRIDAL BOQUET.

The finest bridal bouquet ever made in Paducah was shipped by O. L. Brunson & Co., yesterday, it was made of Bride Roses with seventy-five shoos of Lilies of Valley, and as the second Shoer Bridal Bouquet shipped by this firm to the same city within a week.

HANDSOME COUNTRY HOME.

In a monthly magazine "Country Life in America," published exclusively for farmers and other residents of the country, is printed a photograph of Mr. Ed L. Atkins' handsome residence in Arcadia. Mr. Atkins has installed a fine private system of water works and has a home that will attract any where.

A WHEEL FACTORY TO BE BUILT HERE

Mr. Russell Gardner, the Buggy Magnate, Will Promote it.

Was Here Recently to Look Over the Field and Is pleased.

WILL INVEST ABOUT \$100,000

There is every assurance that Paducah is to have a wheel factory in the near future. The owner will be Mr. Russell Gardner, of St. Louis, the millionaire owner of the Banner Buggy works, who was here recently on his yacht Annie Russell, and spent two or three days in Paducah.

Mr. Gardner has long had his eye on Paducah and several years ago, it is said, would have located the buggy company he has since made famous, and which has made him wealthy, in Paducah instead of St. Louis, if he had been offered the necessary inducements.

Mr. Russell, however, in regard to a wheel factory, after corresponding for several months with friends here, made a trip to Paducah for the sole purpose of looking over the ground and went away well pleased.

Yesterday Captain Thomas Cathey, of St. Louis, Mr. Russell's father-in-law, was sent to Paducah by Mr. Russell to make preliminary arrangements and it is understood from Captain Cathey that it has been positively decided to build the factory here.

Its location will probably be out near the I. O. yards, in the vicinity of the Little spoke factory. Mr. John Little and Mr. Gardner are old friends, having both been raised in Dresden, Tenn., and if the factory is built here it will mean a big thing for Paducah.

About \$50,000 will be invested at the start, and within a year this will be increased to \$100,000. Between 100 and 150 men will be employed and the factory will add to the reputation abroad of Paducah as a manufacturing center.

DISTINGUISHED MAN

POSTMASTER AT SAVANNAH, GA., IN THE CITY ON A VISIT.

Captain Henry Blun, Jr., postmaster at Savannah, Ga., arrived today from Chicago on a several days visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. Irvin S. Cobb, managing editor of the News-Democrat. Captain Blun has been attending the Republican convention in Chicago, and reports it one of the most enthusiastic ever held.

The distinguished visitor is the youngest postmaster, considering the importance of the office, in the United States, and he is also a noted rifle shot. He is a Republican of great prominence in the entire south, as well as his own state.

368 SOLD

A GOOD TOBACCO MARKET FOR THE WEEK JUST CLOSED.

The weekly report of Tobacco Inspector Ed Miller, issued today, shows:

Receipts week, 345 hogsheds. Receipts year, 2797 hogsheds. Offerings week, 352 hogsheds. Rejections week, 16 hogsheds. Private sales week, 32 hogsheds. Sales week, 368 hogsheds. Sales year, 3562 hogsheds.

By warehouses: Western District—Receipts 142, offerings 138, rejections 10, sales 128. Farmer & Company—Receipts 102, offerings 115, rejections 3, sales 113. Graham & Company—Receipts 101, offerings 115, rejections 3, sales 96.

NEW SECRETARY ELECTED.

Mr. W. M. Ross has been elected secretary for the Retail Merchants association to succeed Attorney Albin Barkley, who was not a candidate for the place.

A FEW NEWS NOTES ABOUT THE CITY

The Mayor Receives a Sample of Bitulithic Compound.

License Decision May Not Be Appealed—Work on the New Hospital.

BUYING MORE FIRE HORSES

Mayor D. A. Yeiser this morning received by express a sample of bitulithic material from Hancock street, Boston, Mass., and exhibited it to those who had not seen this material. Attached to the sample were tags giving a description of the material and data on the lives of streets built from bitulithic compound. Mayor Yeiser is very greatly impressed with this material and says it seems to be better than asphalt or brick, and from present indications the streets to be improved will be built of this material.

Boston, Mass., uses this a great deal and finds it very profitable, the street lasting longer and being as noiseless as it is possible to build a street. The sample will remain on exhibition in the mayor's office and he would like to have all interested in street improvements come in and see it.

A member of the city hospital committee stated this morning that since an outline of the plans of the hospital building, made by Architect William Brainerd, had been approved, bids would be opened very soon, and when the bonds are sold the building will begin.

Some members of the board think that the hospital can be built by the first of next year, but others are of the opinion that it will be quite a year before it is completed.

Mayor Yeiser stated today that it was undecided whether or not the wagon license case will be appealed, the matter being left in the hands of the finance committee. It was stated at first that the solicitor would appeal the case, but later the authorities began to study over the opinion of Judge Reed, and look up the Covington decision and decided it best to thoroughly investigate before any action towards appealing was taken. If the decision of the appellate court makes it plain to them that an appeal would be useless, they will drop it. The effect of the decision will be felt next week, when the second half of city licenses will fall due.

It is probable that the controversy over who is to purchase the horses for the new fire departments will be settled by the mayor doing it himself. The board of aldermen favored the purchase of the horses by the police and fire commissioners, and the council wanted the fire committee of the general council to do the buying. On account of the deadlock the mayor will have to do it.

A prominent out-of-town brick street builder was in the city the other day, and watched the work of building brick streets in Paducah. "No wonder they are never level," he declared. "You people don't seem to understand how to build brick streets. Look at those that have been down some time. They are rough and uneven, and depressions are found all over them. They may say it is due to the sinking in of sewer and other ditches, but any practical street paver will tell you that it is because the concrete base is not rolled and made level before you put the sand on it and lay the brick. Why, that concrete out there is as uneven as you could make it, and when it gets hard what do you suppose is going to happen where all that unevenness is? Why, the bricks are going to sink down to fit it. The sand underneath isn't going to make the brick level. Sand is often forced up between the cracks of the bricks leaving the bricks to follow the contour of the concrete, and they will be no more level than the concrete is. In every other place they always roll the con-

WILL MANDAMUS STATE AUDITOR

Agent Frank Lucas Objects Being "Fired."

Will Attempt to Force the Acceptance of His Bond as Auditor's Agent.

INVOLVES IMPORTANT ISSUE

Auditor's Agent Frank Lucas has returned from Louisville where he has been on business and stated to Sun reporter this morning that he would refuse to be removed by State Auditor Hager as auditor's agent, and would in a few days mandamus the auditor to accept the renewal of his bond.

Several days ago Mr. Lucas prepared a renewal of his bond as auditor's agent, which had to be done every two years. He was appointed by Auditor Coulter in June 1902 and his bond should have been renewed on the 28th of this month. He sent the necessary papers to Auditor Hager, who returned them with the information that they would not be accepted. Attorney James Campbell, Jr., having been appointed in Mr. Lucas' place.

Mr. Lucas contends that he can serve out his full term, four years, and will ask the court to settle the question. When Auditor Hager took his position he announced that he had authority to dismiss the auditor's agents appointed by Auditor Coulter and would do so, but they disputed his right and the question has never yet been settled.

It is probable that Mr. Lucas will have no hesitancy about taking things into the courts, where he has lately received some pretty hard rap, will force the issue to a settlement of some sort.

Agent Lucas does not know when he will file his suit, but will do so as soon as possible. Such a suit will involve the right of the auditor to remove before the term for which an agent is appointed, has expired.

STILL INSPECTING

NEW YORKER WILL COMPLETE TRIP OVER ROUTE TODAY.

Mr. James R. Turner, of New York, who is here looking into the proposed Paducah and Cairo electric railroad, was yesterday driven over the city by the local promoters and was greatly pleased with the city and her industries.

Mr. Turner was greatly surprised at the number and proportions of our industries and commended the city very highly. He left with the party of local promoters and Contractors John Lane and Jeff Read yesterday afternoon late to go over the route, and will return tonight. They will traverse the entire route and tomorrow or tonight, probably will hold a meeting and Mr. Turner will then decide whether to finance the project or not.

concrete base before putting on the sand and brick."

A great deal of comment is daily heard about those who are going to put down brick alongside the granite pavements that are making the downtown sidewalks so attractive, and the comments are not very pleasant for the unenterprising people who are doing it. One man said: "This is a free country, and I'll put down anything I please." He is a rich man with plenty of valuable property which would be enhanced by the granite sidewalk, and the man he addressed is comparatively poor, but enterprising and public-spirited. "That's right," said the latter. "I'm going to put down what suits you best. I'm going to have to borrow money with which to do it. I'm old fogey had nothing else to say."

Miss Belle Yancy left for Epperson to visit Miss Joe.